

Appendix table 7-3

Primary source of information about specific scientific issues, by respondent characteristic: 2010

(Percent)

Characteristic	Newspaper	Magazine	Internet	Book/ other print	Television	Radio	Government agency	Family	Friend/ colleague	Other	Don't know
All adults (<i>n</i> = 781)	3	3	59	12	15	1	3	1	1	1	1
Sex											
Male (<i>n</i> = 357)	3	2	60	13	15	1	3	1	1	*	1
Female (<i>n</i> = 424)	3	5	57	11	15	1	3	1	1	2	2
Formal education ^a											
<High school (<i>n</i> = 115)	7	3	35	13	27	1	4	4	1	3	3
High school graduate (<i>n</i> = 264)	3	1	55	11	23	1	3	*	1	1	1
Some college (<i>n</i> = 173)	0	4	73	9	7	0	4	1	1	*	1
Baccalaureate (<i>n</i> = 138)	4	3	65	16	5	2	1	1	*	2	1
Graduate/professional degree (<i>n</i> = 90)	2	7	67	14	2	1	4	0	1	*	3
Science/mathematics education ^b											
Low (<i>n</i> = 294)	4	3	59	9	18	*	3	1	1	1	1
Middle (<i>n</i> = 99)	2	5	59	19	8	0	4	*	1	0	1
High (<i>n</i> = 113)	2	3	75	11	1	1	3	0	1	3	0
Family income (quartile) ^a											
Top (<i>n</i> = 140)	1	3	68	14	6	0	5	1	1	0	1
Second (<i>n</i> = 197)	3	3	64	13	12	1	2	0	1	1	0
Third (<i>n</i> = 186)	5	3	59	7	16	1	4	3	*	2	*
Bottom (<i>n</i> = 186)	2	2	51	11	23	1	3	1	2	2	3
Age (years) ^a											
18–24 (<i>n</i> = 40)	0	0	69	6	11	0	6	7	1	0	0
25–34 (<i>n</i> = 150)	1	2	75	4	11	1	1	*	2	1	1
35–44 (<i>n</i> = 134)	2	2	69	11	12	1	2	0	0	0	1
45–54 (<i>n</i> = 136)	2	3	60	13	19	1	1	1	0	*	0
55–64 (<i>n</i> = 160)	4	5	52	16	18	1	2	*	1	1	1
≥65 (<i>n</i> = 157)	7	4	33	19	16	1	10	1	1	4	5

* = <0.5% responded

^aCategories do not add to total *n* because "don't know" and "refused" responses not shown.^bLow = ≤5 high school and college science/math courses; middle = 6–8 courses; high = ≥9 courses. Questions asked of 582 survey respondents; categories do not add to total because "don't know" and "refused" responses not shown.NOTES: Responses to *If you wanted to learn about scientific issues such as global warming or biotechnology, where would you get information?* Percentages may not add to 100% because of rounding.

SOURCE: University of Chicago, National Opinion Research Center, General Social Survey (2010).

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